

Widening and Lane Additions to State Hwy 159 (\$3,000,000). I would ban earmarks as we know them, but as long as these earmarks are available, I'm going to apply for them in an effort to pursue federal funding opportunities for my district. For non-defense projects in the current earmarking system, I work closely with local governments, civic organizations, non-profits and business development authorities to identify and prioritize projects important to local communities in Georgia's Eighth Congressional District (and sometimes elsewhere). I only request funds for projects authorized by law for federal funding and do not do so for private parties or entities. The project will widen and expand State Highway 159 from two lanes to four. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve access to the county's industrial park. Beneficiary: City of Ashburn, 259 East Washington Avenue, Ashburn, GA 31714.